GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PALM OIL INDUSTRY IN KARNATAKA
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government are aware that domestic palm oil Industry of the country is facing crisis due to the adverse impact of new EXIM policy;

(b) if so, whether several State Governments including Karnataka have urged the UnionGovernment to take urgent measures in this regard; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND NDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) : Representations have been received from various quarters including the Government of Karnataka, regarding adverse impact of imports on the domestic producers of palm oil. In response to these representations, import duty on this item has been increased three times during the last one year. Presently the import duty on crude palm oil is 75% and that on refined palm oil is 85%.